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SUBJECT: US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE

- 1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED APRIL 24 ON UNDER-SECRETARY SISCO TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF HARTMAN'S ANKARA VISIT (REPORTED BY SEPTEL) AND TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE.
- 2. ALEXANDRAKIS STRESSED THAT CARAMANLIS WANTED THIS MATTER TAKEN UP IN WASHINGTON ON A PRIORITY BASIS. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT FORD'S PROMISE OF AID TO GREECE, ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THE PRIME MINISTER NEEDED INFORMATION URGENTLY ON WHERE WE STAND NOW ON THIS MATTER. CARAMANLIS WANTED TO MAKE HIS PLANS AND HAD TO KNOW WHAT ITEMS, AT WHAT PRICE AND WHEN THEY COULD BE OBTAINED. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT AVEROFF ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR RESTORING GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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3. MR. SISCO REPLIED HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ALEXANDRAKIS A

MORE CONSIDERED REPLY LATER. HE WOULD FIRST PREFER HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S REPORT FROM ATHENS AND RECENT ACTIVITY ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. SISCO WOULD THEN MEET AGAIN WITH THE GREEK AMBASSADOR ON THE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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